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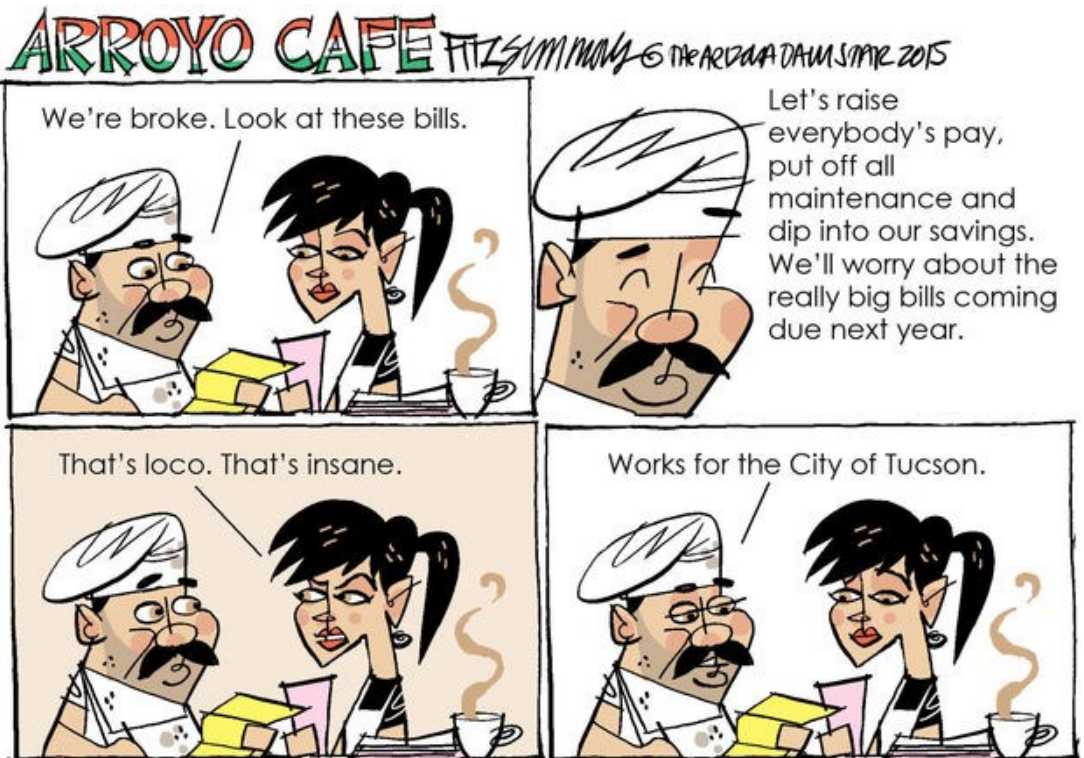
# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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### Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police  
Department**  
911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

**Water Issues**  
791-3242/800-598-9449  
Emergency: 791-4133

**Street Maintenance**  
791-3154

**Graffiti Removal**  
792-2489

**Abandoned  
Shopping Carts**  
791-3171

**Neighborhood  
Resources**  
837-5013

**SunTran/SunLink**  
792-9222  
TDD: 628-1565

**Environmental  
Services**  
791-3171

**Park Wise**  
791-5071

**Planning and  
Development  
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care  
Center**  
724-5900

**Pima County Vector  
Control**  
Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 243-7999

## Continued: A Message From Steve

The good news is that the City Manager announced our tax revenues are up over projections by about \$3M, so we may be able to avoid dipping into our rainy day fund. The not-so-good news is that next year we begin about \$20M in the hole, again.

### More Fitz



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quite a spectrum – a testament to Clarence's wide appeal. They included former U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini, former Surgeon General Richard Carmona, retired NBC News National Correspondent Mike Taibbi, Lupita Murillo from KVOA, Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, and Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry.

Clarence's Deputy Chief Chris Nanos and his Executive Assistant Caroline Vargas pulled the event together. That's Chris in the picture presenting the Sheriff with a gift trip to Italy. Clarence and his own bride will be headed there 'on the group' that showed up at the roast.

Ann and I feel very blessed to be able to interact with special people such as these. As for Clarence, the region has been well-served by his leadership. You don't replace somebody like that – you just hope to build on the foundation he has laid.

### More Public Safety

If you rewind the tape of my work on the City Council back to the summer of 2011, you'll find quite a bit written about the 911 center. Back then it had some issues. Since then, with software updates and some other changes, it's a new and reliable operation.

Right now, TPD has several vacancies for Public Safety Dispatchers within the 911 center. It's a skilled radio communications position. The work involves dispatching both emergency and non-emergency calls for service. It is a key link between you and the police. I've visited the center several times and have seen the quality people we have working out there.

Some of the needed skills include being very good at keyboarding and being able to effectively multi-task. That will make a lot of sense to you if you've seen the operation. Dis-

Last Friday, my bride Ann and I were honored to be a part of the retirement luncheon for Sheriff Clarence Dupnik. It was hosted by Dave Fitzsimmons. Ann Charles, Amy, and her mom also attended from our office. It was a well-deserved send off for a quality person.

It was supposed to be somewhat of a roast and there were a few light moments (Fitz was there, so that was mandatory), but each of the speakers really expressed their deep respect for the guy. Those speakers covered

patchers are involved with evaluating needs and getting the right level of urgency out into the field.

If you'd like to see more about the positions you can do that at this link:

<http://1.usa.gov/1ffd2pk>

The positions close on July 12<sup>th</sup>, so you'll need to act somewhat quickly if you're interested in applying.

### **A Few County Items**

#### **Pima Animal Care Center**

On Tuesday, we adopted a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the operation of the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC). I fully support what they're doing out there, and I in fact agreed with some of the changes made to the document. One in particular was new language that dedicates all financial donations to the Center to their spay/neuter work (unless the donor has specified some other particular use). Ultimately, increasing the spay/neuter program is going to be how we reduce the number of pets arriving at PACC.

I ended up voting against the IGA, though. There were too many flawed parts for me to sign onto it. Some of those I've written about previously. We agreed to pay \$238K for the tent the Board of Supervisors voted to build. As I've stated before, the issue isn't whether or not the capital investment was needed. The issue was that the County took on the debt without speaking to any of its regional partners prior to doing so. I agreed to paying for the capital investment this time, despite the procedural flub, but nobody included language in the new IGA that prevents this from reoccurring. If there had even been some language in the IGA to prevent the Supes from unilaterally voting for debt and passing it onto us, then I maybe could have agreed to the negotiated terms. But there is nothing in what M&C adopted that prevents this from happening again. That's a non-starter for me.

In addition, the new agreement commits the City to paying administrative overhead fees that were neither contemplated in previous IGAs nor legitimate to include now. A couple of weeks ago, I shared that these central County administrative services are already being paid for by your property taxes. To now add them to our General Fund obligation to PACC is double taxation. It needs to be eliminated from our annual obligations in support of the animal care center.

Some of the revenues we use to pay our fair share of the PACC operations come from licensing fees. The City needs to do a better job of getting pet owners to license their dogs. Fewer than 40% are licensed. That's both a public health concern and a financial concern. I made it a point on Tuesday to let staff know we need to up our game when it comes to licensing.

M&C voted to adopt the new IGA. Its estimated cost is just under \$5M for this fiscal year. That's over \$1M more than previously allocated. We will see escalating costs as a function of how the new Center will operate. I believe we should indeed pay our legitimate share of the costs of operating the Center – those attributable to the animals arriving at PACC from within City limits. What that does not include, though, are the indefensible overhead costs now being charged to us or the cost of debt for capital projects about which we were not



#### **Important Phone Numbers**

Senator John  
McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff  
Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman  
Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-  
881-3588

Congressman  
Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug  
Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan  
Rothschild  
520-791-4201

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maps.tucsonaz.gov/  
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)



consulted beforehand.

Two Sunday's ago, Patrick McNamara wrote a piece for the Star on the need to look into some form of regional government. Until the incorporated Cities and Towns in Pima County form some sort of bloc and begin to present a more united front, we'll continue to be placed in the position of negotiating without options. This PACC IGA is merely the most current example.

#### **Another item on PACC**

*For the remainder of June, PACC is waiving the adoption fees for all adult animals being housed out at the center. Two weeks ago they took in over 500 pets in a single week. They're bulging from the overload and need to find good homes for these critters.*

*I have my differences over the terms of our IGA, and yet I fully support PACC's mission. They never turn away an animal, despite their overcrowded conditions. So, for the rest of the month, any pet that's over three months old will have no adoption fee if you're offering a good home. There's a \$15 dog license fee, but all dogs and cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. They come with a free vet visit as well.*

*It's a sad reality, but this effort is doubly important because the shelter needs to clear out some space ahead of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. It's predictable that they're going to be overrun with new additions scared by the fireworks – jumping the family fence and getting lost in the neighborhood. This adoption fee special is in anticipation of that.*

*PACC is open from noon until 7pm on weekdays, and from 10am until 5pm on weekends. They're closed on Sunday's for deep cleaning. You can see the adoptable pets through this link: <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=991>*

#### **County Bond Election**

Several weeks ago, I shared the full list of 99 projects that will be included in the November bond election. That list also showed the individual project funding levels. It's coming to the ballot, so in addition to the overall cost, you should do your homework on how regionally balanced you feel the project distribution is.

I also shared concerns over some of the language I have seen in previous bond-related intergovernmental agreements. We were assured that new IGA terms were being negotiated. Now we've seen them, and the Board of Supervisors has approved those new terms.

One of my objections was that in prior bond IGAs, the City agreed to concede all construction sales tax revenues generated by the bond project to the County. If we were building a new park, for instance, we'd remit to the County the taxes generated by that construction. That language was eliminated from the new IGA template.

Previously, the bond IGAs also had a section obligating all of the cities and towns that had projects to maintain each individual one for a period of 25 years. I had trouble with that commitment because it bound us to maintaining an asset for a period that could be longer than its useful life, and that would very likely be longer than the term of the bond repay-

ment, too. It made no sense.

The newly adopted IGA template makes it worse.

Now, not only are we supposed to keep the item maintained for 25 years, but at any time in that 25 year window the County can step in and tell us that – in their unilateral opinion – we need to put money into repairs and maintenance for any one of our bonded projects. They become the sole arbiter of the standard of maintenance to which we're held accountable. We will be given 120 days to bring whatever it is up to their standards. If we don't, the County can either come in, do the repairs themselves and bill us, or simply put a halt to any of our other bond projects.

I am not willing to concede our budget prioritizing authority to any other jurisdiction, and I am certainly not willing to do it for the next quarter of a century. Here's a potential example:

One of the items has to do with public art. This IGA allows the County to come to us in 20 years and tell us to put money into the maintenance of any or all of the public art pieces contained in this bond election. If we have other budget priorities that prevent us from doing that within 120 days, the County reserves the right to do it themselves and bill us anyway or stop all of our other bond projects dead in their tracks. That would go for roads, parks equipment, buildings, and any other asset that will be considered this November. Here's the language as it appears in Section 3.06.090 of the Bond Ordinance the Supervisors just adopted:

**B. Unless waived by the board of supervisors as being in the best interests of the county and warranted by the circumstances of the bond funded project at issue, the intergovernmental agreement shall include, but not be limited to, provisions establishing the following responsibilities of the implementing subdivision:**

- 1. That the implementing ~~political subdivision~~ agency shall operate and maintain the improvements constructed by county bond funds for a period of not less than twenty-five (25) years.**
- 2. That the implementing agency shall sufficiently fund operations and maintenance of the facility, and identify the estimated amount and source of funding for operations and maintenance of the facility.**
- 3. That the implementing agency and the County will conduct regular performance audits to determine if facilities built, operated and maintained by the implementing agency are being maintained in good working order and are being used for the appropriate purposes; and that the County may suspend the allocation of County bond funding for other not-yet-built projects if the performance audit results in a finding of unsatisfactory and facilities are not returned to good working order within 120 days.**

And here's how it appears in the IGA template, page 10 of 18, Section 12 (c) :

**c. *Inspection and Remedies.***

- i. County representatives may inspect the Project at any reasonable time during the 25-year maintenance-and-operation period to assess compliance with the obligations of this Section 12. ENTITY representatives will accompany County representatives during any such inspection.**

- ii. If County determines that **ENTITY** has not complied with its maintenance and repair obligations, County will notify **ENTITY** in writing. If **ENTITY** has not cured the noncompliance within 120 days after such notice, County may (1) pursue any legal remedy available to it, including obtaining injunctive or monetary relief from a court; (2) perform any necessary repairs, in which case **ENTITY** will promptly reimburse the County for any costs incurred, and/or (3) suspend funding of other bond projects in **ENTITY's** jurisdiction.

I'm told the County "insisted" on the language. I've been involved in contract negotiations. When one party insists on clearly unacceptable terms, one option is to simply walk out and tell them to call when they want to have a serious conversation. Giving any other entity direct authority over our budget is clearly unacceptable.

What else is unacceptable is that the Council didn't see the proposed changes until three days before the Board of Supervisors was scheduled to vote on them. To be totally fair, the changes had been sent to the Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) members a month before we saw them. We are represented by staff on that committee. That timing is not the fault of anybody across the way at the County, but it's also not desirable.

An option other than simply making a fuss is to offer an alternative. To that end, last weekend I sent an email to the various players in this issue outlining a change in language that I believe could get us beyond our present dispute. Here's a part of that email:

After all the work put in by the BAC, the region deserves a summer of discussion related to the merits of the individual projects, not terms and conditions contained in the Bond Ordinance and IGAs governing same.

The taxpayers have a legitimate right to expect the assets paid for by their hard-earned dollars will be maintained appropriately - not beyond their expected useful life, but certainly not allowed to deteriorate prematurely.

Individual jurisdictions must retain the ability to prioritize budget allocations according to their ability in a given fiscal year. No governing body can be held hostage to demands by another to fund non-budgeted items within 120 days of receiving such notice.

The Bond Advisory Committee has a legitimate oversight role in monitoring progress and integrity of the bond package for the duration of the bond issuances.

With that in mind, I suggest a way past the current dispute regarding Section 3.06.090, and related language in Section 12 (c) of the IGA template as follows:

*Eliminate present language affording County authority to compel repairs/maintenance within 120 days of notice. Eliminate reference to 25 year time frame for R/M obligations.*

*New language giving Bond Advisory Committee, on a majority vote of the BAC, the ability to send jurisdictions non-binding letters indicating individual named projects appear to*

be falling into a condition of disrepair and requesting jurisdiction take action as it is able w/in budgetary constraints. Time frame to coincide with retirement of debt related to each so-named project.

I believe that change respects the interests of the taxpayers, as well as the budgetary challenges each jurisdiction may face over the next 20+ years. We cannot commit future governing bodies to an agreement that allows others to step in and compel expenditures of any nature. We object to that when it comes from the State. Consistency demands nothing less of us on a regional level.

Evidently the concern over budgetary sovereignty is shared by the Board of Supervisors. In a Guest Editorial that appeared in the Wednesday Star, one of them wrote, "This year the State of Arizona inserted its priorities into our budget." The writer of that piece objected, just as every jurisdiction in the region should when it sees the County trying to assert the same authority over our budgets.

In our Charter, Chapter XIII, section 5 it states "The M&C shall ...make a budget of the estimated amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the business of the City for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall be prepared in such detail as to show the aggregate sum and the items thereof allowed for each and every purpose..." That language doesn't leave room for us to simply assume non-appropriated debt in the middle of a budget cycle. The alternative I proposed allows any jurisdiction the liberty to consider the repair notice received from the BAC during its next budget cycle. I believe that's a reasonable middle ground, and one that's fair to the taxpayers who will be funding the bond items with their property taxes.

The County Administrator has on multiple occasions said 'there's not enough money to maintain our roads.' He says that in the context of advocating for a gas tax increase. I've agreed with the need for more funding options, and have done so in the context of expanding the use of RTA money to road maintenance. If there's a funding gap in maintenance and we're including more roads on the November bond election, why would we agree to allow the County hold us to a standard they admit they're unable to adhere to themselves?

There are a lot of people who simply want this to be a non-controversial bond election. It will contain seven questions and 99 individual projects valued at over \$800M. Now we see that it'll also include IGAs terms for each of those projects that concede to the County our sovereign authority to determine and prioritize our own budget allocations.

I will not be supporting any of the bond questions as long as that language is included in the package. And yet, I've offered new language I *could* support that would allow the discussion to focus on the items in the bond package and not on technical issues hidden in inter-governmental agreements. I guess we'll see what they prefer.

### **Unlicensed Behavioral Health Care**

Here's an item that I've been working on with the County on which we have made progress together. I'll only touch on it here because I know others are still looking into the issue in an effort to get State-level involvement.

We have a very large number of unlicensed behavioral health care homes scattered throughout the region. If you house just a few residents, the State will allow you to provide behavioral services without a license. I've heard varying numbers (under ten residents, under six) but given the immediate problems, that cutoff isn't as key as is the need to get the State to get involved, regardless of whether or not the numeric threshold was reached.

I was tipped off to unacceptable conditions being provided to clients housed at a midtown residence. It's one of five homes owned and operated by the same person. Diana and I drove by one afternoon and it became immediately apparent that even if the State and other service providers chose to ignore the conditions, there were ways the City and County could intervene. Within days, notices of violation for breaches of City codes and County health codes had been issued. Contact was made with the operator by both TPD and TFD. That resulted in more items that they were required to address. We're talking everything from fire code issues to excessive bed-bugs, standing water, and other related health concerns, junked motor vehicles in the front yard, and much more. Tucson Police had responded to well over 30 calls to the site in the recent past to simply respond to neighbors' concerns.

One local service provider has told me that they no longer send clients to the address. The State says we need these low level options for people who have had issues at other places. These are the sites of last resort before people simply end up on the street. But the fact is when we have guilty knowledge that people are being housed in unsanitary and unsafe conditions, the State and other service providers have an obligation, simply on humanitarian grounds, to step in and force change. They didn't. But the City and County have done so.

I'm hoping you see more about this in the very near future. I know it's on the radar of some others who have been working not only this house but the issue in general. Thanks to Dr. Francisco Garcia from Pima County Health, Michael Wyneken from the City Code Enforcement office, and to TPD and TFD for doing what we can within our jurisdictional authority.

### **Maintenance Standards**

Two weeks ago, an outdoor balcony collapsed on a housing project in Berkley, California. Several students were killed in the accident. While we're on the topic of project maintenance, I want to share that I've made contact with the ownership of the new student housing towers that are located just off-campus in relation to the issues surrounding the Berkley incidents.

First, I should say that the collapse in Berkley appears to have been caused by dry-rot of wooden beams that were supporting the balcony. None of the balconies on our student housing projects rely on wood frame to support the structures. And yet, the implications of a structural failure are catastrophic and deadly. With that in mind, I've recommended each of the ownership groups consider inspecting those on each of their dorms to ensure their live load safety.

Balconies are required to support the same loads as the adjacent flooring systems. That's



an International Building Code standard. Given the different construction methods used here versus what was used in Berkley, we should have no issues. But it's worth checking to make sure prior to students arriving back into town for the start of the fall semester.

## Procurement

### Transparency, Civic Events, and Living Wage

On Tuesday, we went through a rewrite of our procurement rules. Much of it was boilerplate, bringing the policies into line with State law. Not all of it, though.

One of the axioms embraced by the grassroots citizen group Tucson Residents for Responsive Government (TRRG) is transparent government. A key part of that is ensuring our practices include enough eyes on process to prevent impropriety in how we operate. There were two aspects of our procurement rules that gave me some cause for concern in that area.

The procurement director has the "sole authority" to debar or suspend a person from participating in City procurements. The Director has that same unilateral authority when it comes to decertifying Small Business Enterprises. In each of those cases, the appeal rights go to a hearing officer selected by the procurement director. The appeal decision is final and binding. I believe when peoples' rights are at stake a second set of eyes should be incorporated into our processes. If the procurement director makes the first decision and chooses the person to decide the appeal, the process leaves open at least the question as to whether it was truly impartial. I asked that some form of oversight be added to how we consider these sorts of cases.



We have a program called 'cooperative purchasing.' Through it, different agencies or operating units can purchase (or rent) materials and services through contracts that were originally procured by other agencies or units. For instance, cooperative purchasing can be used for items such as porta-johns, barricades, and t-shirt security.

We have multiple civic events that use these sorts of products. Each of those events could benefit if the City bundled its rental contracts to give event organizers access to our rates as they make their way through the City permitting process. At the same time, the winning vendors would be assured some level of consideration by civic event organizers. I asked our procurement department to work and explore how the City can benefit both vendors and our civic event partners by using this kind of cooperative purchasing arrangement.

Finally, the City has a living wage policy that applies to both contractors and sub-contractors who do work for us. Our procurement policy currently limits that living wage requirement to certain specifically listed types of employment. They include work such as building maintenance, janitorial service, pest control, and security. When we list, we limit. I asked that we change our policy so that *any contract* awarded by the City would guarantee

workers who were employed under it to be paid according to our wage policies.

At the TRRG meeting held at the Ward 6 office last weekend, one of the exercises attendees participated in was a straw poll giving impressions on how individual City departments were perceived. The options were 'good,' 'so-so,' 'bad,' and 'no idea.' Procurement fell into the 'we have no idea' category. That means much of the work of that department falls outside the public scrutiny. I felt the opportunity to make the changes noted above were necessary for reasons of fairness, especially since the policies that exist in that department aren't on the public radar screen in the way that many of the others are.

### **Sign Code**

The City sign code is an example of a set of City policies that are indeed on the public radar screen. The sign code affects aesthetics, as well as the ability of businesses to let the public know they exist. We hear a lot about signage in terms of size, placement, duration, lighting, commercial versus political purpose, and historic character. Some of what we have to follow is dictated through State law.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on a sign case that came to them from Glendale, Arizona. The very brief description of the Court decision is that they found the Glendale policies to be too restrictive and called on them to dial back some of what was on their books. That decision will affect both what we have on our books, and likely some of what the State adopted two years ago as it relates to the size, placement, and duration of political signs.

In Glendale, they have a sign code the Court found to be strictly content based. They allowed different rules for time, placement, and size depending on whether the sign was conveying a message directing people to a single event (a church service in this case), conveying a political message, or conveying an idea that didn't fit within any other category neatly. In deciding that their code violated First Amendment protections on free speech, one part of the ruling made this observation:

*The restrictions in the Sign Code that apply to any given sign thus depend entirely on the communicative content of the sign. If a sign informs its reader of the time and place a book club will discuss John Locke's Two Treatises of Government, that sign will be treated differently from a sign expressing the view that one should vote for one of Locke's followers in an upcoming election, and both signs will be treated differently from a sign expressing an ideological view rooted in Locke's theory of government. More to the point, the Church's signs inviting people to attend its worship services are treated differently from signs conveying other types of ideas. On its face, the Sign Code is a content-based regulation of speech.*

It didn't matter that the motives of the Town were innocent on their face (that is, not intending to favor or disfavor the church). The rules were based on content and so the Court tossed them out.

We will now have to go in and look at our own sign code rules to ensure that they aren't subject to similar challenges. The Court did give some guidelines jurisdictions can follow

that won't cross the Speech line. Some of those include regulations related to size, building materials, lighting, moving parts, portability – things that relate to the sign, not to its message. Here's a quote from the Court decision that makes the point:

*Here are some rules that would not be content based:*

*Rules regulating the size of signs. These rules may distinguish among signs based on any content-neutral criteria, including any relevant criteria listed below.*

*Rules regulating the locations in which signs may be placed. These rules may distinguish between free-standing signs and those attached to buildings.*

*Rules distinguishing between lighted and unlighted signs.*

*Rules distinguishing between signs with fixed messages and electronic signs with messages that change.*

*Rules that distinguish between the placement of signs on private and public property.*

*Rules distinguishing between the placement of signs on commercial and residential property.*

*Rules distinguishing between on-premises and off-premises signs.*

*Rules restricting the total number of signs allowed per mile of roadway.*

*Rules imposing time restrictions on signs advertising a one-time event. Rules of this nature do not discriminate based on topic or subject and are akin to rules restricting the times within which oral speech or music is allowed.*

The Court decision was unanimous, but there were nuances to how the individual judges wrote their opinions. Some were concerned that by relying on a strict application of the content, *“this Court and others will regret the majority’s insistence today on answering that question (about strict scrutiny) in the affirmative. As the years go by, courts will discover that thousands of towns have such ordinances, many of them “entirely reasonable.” Ante, at 14. And as the challenges to them mount, courts will have to invalidate one after the other.”*

There's a State-level component to this, too. Two years ago the State passed a new law specifically related to the size and placement of political signs. They're going to have to reconsider what they forced on the Cities and Towns throughout the State because of how this ruling was decided.

We're looking at what's on the books locally. Some changes will be made, but since this decision was just issued last week, it's too early to say what those will be, and what our options will be at the time they're proposed. More to come on this.

### **Downtown Links**

Last Tuesday, Diana and I attended a public open house showing the progress and plans for completing the Downtown Links project. This is a downtown bypass roadway that has been in the planning stages since 2005 when a 15 member Citizen Advisory Committee was formed. They approved the roadway alignment in 2006 and the project ended up on the RTA ballot the same year.

The project was broken into three distinct phases. A drainage piece was completed back in 2012, and the segment connecting I-10 up St. Mary's to approximately Main was finished last year. Phase 3 will continue from that point and eventually link the roadway to Broadway at about Euclid. The full construction design package will be presented to TDOT later

this summer.

From a construction standpoint, you'll start to see utility relocation work begin later this year. Our Real Estate people will be doing property acquisitions for the remainder of the calendar year and the anticipated roadway construction start is anticipated for next summer. The full project should take about two and a half years to complete after it begins.

Assuming the work on the Broadway project continues along according to plan, the Links work and that Broadway work should be finishing at approximately the same time. Links will include four travel lanes, on-street bike lanes, and pedestrian amenities. The two projects should very much complement one another.

As with the Broadway project process, the Citizen Advisory Council, along with the many staff and consultant project team members, deserve high marks for keeping this work moving along as they have.

### Potter House



On Monday evening, Alison and I joined the Catalina Vista neighbors in a discussion of how to best memorialize the Potter House. It has now been fully demolished. We have some bits and pieces that were a part of the place, and the CVNA folks are interested in using them to build a ramada, sort of along the lines of the extension shown above. The current work is to get some cost estimates based on architectural renderings that are being put together – assuming the neighborhood can agree on associated fees – and then work with the City

on location, permits, and contracting for the work.

Thanks to local architect Klindt Breckenridge and his staff for agreeing to take a look at how they might fit into this process. They were with us, along with City staff on Monday. We'll be looking forward to hearing back from them on costs and process. With that information, the CVNA residents will be able to move forward with their internal discussions related to preserving the memories of the place.

Sincerely,

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Council Member, Ward 6

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## Events and Entertainment

### **Annual Ha:san Bak Saguaro Harvest Celebration**

Saturday, June 27, 2015, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail, Vail, AZ 85641

Celebrate the Saguaro at this annual festival! Learn its legends, lore, and natural history.

Colossal Cave Mountain Park's saguaro fruit harvest celebration includes an O'odham blessing, presentations, harvesting of the fruit and saguaro syrup-making demonstrations. Pre-register for a workshop that begins at 5:30 am, or just come for the celebration from 10 am – 3 pm. For more information, call or visit [www.colossalcave.com](http://www.colossalcave.com).

### **Sun Link Summer in the City Concert Series**

Saturday, June 27, 2015, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Avenida del Convento and Congress Street Sun Link stop

The *KXCI Presents: Sun Link Summer in the City Concerts Series* features live musical performances by local artists, all presented in a unique, moving, and air conditioned venue— a Sun Link streetcar. To catch the concert from the beginning, hop on the specially marked streetcar at 7 pm at the Avenida del Convento and Congress Street stop. The concert streetcar will make regular stops and passengers will be able to get on and off the streetcar. The featured on-board artists will disembark at 9 p.m. For additional concert dates and artists, visit: [www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/e-blast/Summer%20Concerts\\_6\\_18\\_2015.htm](http://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/e-blast/Summer%20Concerts_6_18_2015.htm).

### **Inaugural Smokin' Showdown**

Saturday, June 27, 2015, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hotel Congress Plaza, 311 E. Congress

Get ready for a smoke out during the Smokin' Showdown at Hotel Congress. The inaugural battle features seven local restaurants on the quest to show you that they have the best brisket barbecue in Southern Arizona. With this sear comes beer provided by Pueblo Vida and all ticket proceeds benefit Steele Children's Research Center. Live music by Greyhound Soul. [hotelcongress.com/music/the-inaugural-smokin-showdown/](http://hotelcongress.com/music/the-inaugural-smokin-showdown/)

### **Tucson Water Customers: Take Our Online Survey Today**

The University of Arizona, in conjunction with Tucson Water, seeks 620 Tucson Water customers for an online research survey about how to effectively communicate about water conservation rebate programs. Take the survey here: <http://cesi.arizona.edu/survey>.

This survey is estimated to take no more than 20 minutes and your participation is completely voluntary – but Tucson Water will really appreciate the input!

## Ongoing . . . .

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St

[www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

**The Rogue Theatre** at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave

May 25, 2015 - Labor Day, September 7, 2015: FREE Admission for Military Families.

[www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd

**February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

"Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe.

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

[www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way

"Summer Oasis Series" June through August features special hours, early bird weekends and dog admission.

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave

[www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

[www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 31, 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)